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MARIETTA CELEBRATES CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK APRIL 20-27



The City of Marietta and the Marietta Board of Lights (BLW) will join other Georgia communities in celebrating City Government Week April 20-27.

City Government Week focuses public attention on the services that City Government provides to the community. These services include law enforcement, fire protection, emergency services, parks and recreation, power, water, telecommunications, and public works, just to name a few.

As part of our week-long City Government Week celebration, the City of Marietta and the BLW will host a variety of activities for city residents and BLW customers. The city will also decorate its facilities for the occasion, and

the BLW will have special treats for BLW customers who visit the Service Center during the week.

The celebration will culminate with City Government Day festivities on Saturday, April 20, in the plaza next to City Hall. The event will begin at 11 a.m., continue until 2:30 p.m., and feature food, games, displays, and fun for the entire family.

We hope you will join us in celebrating City Government Week, and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the ways that the City of Marietta and the BLW help to make our community a wonderful place in which to live. ⚡

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Marietta Power Invites You to Celebrate National Electrical Safety Month in May

Marietta Power invites you to join the National Electrical Safety Foundation (NESF) in celebrating National Electrical Safety Month during May.

National Electrical Safety Month provides an opportunity for the NESF to generate greater public awareness about electrical safety at home, at school, and in the workplace. As part of its efforts, the foundation provides guidance to manufacturers, community organizations, consumer groups, utilities, certification organizations, schools, colleges, universities, youth organizations, individuals, and federal, state, and local government agencies.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 40,000 fires occur each year due to problems with electrical wiring systems. Electrical wiring fires annually claim more than 350 lives, cause thousands of injuries from electric shocks and burns,

and result in more than \$2 billion in personal property damage.

Electric cords and plugs play a role in approximately 7,100 fires each year. These types of fires annually result in approximately 120 deaths, which represents about 32 percent of all deaths associated with residential electrical system fires.

Lamps and light fixtures factor into about 8,900 fires and 60 deaths each year, while switches and outlets annually contribute to 4,700 fires. In addition, approximately 3,600 people receive medical treatment for injuries associated with extension cords each year.

To protect yourself from electricity related injuries, you should start by checking for problems in your home's electrical system. Specific steps include:

- Checking outlets and extension cords to make sure they aren't overloaded.



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- Examining electrical cords for fraying or other damage.
- Making sure that no cords run beneath rugs or carpets.
- Using light bulbs with the correct wattage in all lamps and light fixtures.
- Following appropriate safety precautions and manufacturers' instructions when using electrical appliances.
- Considering the installation of ground fault circuit interrupters.
- Testing smoke detectors and replacing smoke detector batteries whenever needed. ⚡

Memorial Day Honors Defenders of Freedom

Memorial Day began in 1868 as a way to commemorate the sacrifices of soldiers who died during the Civil War. Congress later extended the observance to include all members of the U.S. military who were killed in action.

Like most other states, Georgia follows the federal practice of observing the holiday on the last Monday in May. A few other states retain the traditional practice of observing the holiday on May 30.

The President of the United States leads the national observance of Memorial Day by placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Here in Cobb County, local scout troops observe the holiday by placing small U.S. flags on the graves of soldiers buried at the National Cemetery in Marietta. ⚡

April/May 2002 Calendar

April 1-May 26

Treasures From the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art
Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art
Admission.
Call for information.
770-528-1444

April 20-27

City Government Week
Call for information.
770-794-5509 or 770-794-5227

April 26

Glover Park Concert Series
Marietta Square
8 p.m.
Call for information.
770-794-5601

April 27-28

Remembrances with the Georgia Ballet
Anderson Theatre
Saturday 8 p.m. and
Sunday 3 p.m.
Admission.
Call for information.
770-425-0258

April 28

Taste of Marietta
Glover Park
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Call for information.
770-429-1115

May 2

Brown Bag Concert Series
Marietta Square
Noon – 1 p.m.
Call for information.
770-794-5601

May 4-5

*Through the Garden Gate:
A Spring Garden Tour*
Marietta
Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and
Sunday Noon – 6 p.m.
Admission.
Call for information.
770-426-4982

May 4-5

MayRetta-Daze Arts & Crafts Festival
Marietta Square
Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and
Sunday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Call for information.
770-794-5601

May 11

The Cobb Symphony Orchestra presents Fauri & Tchaikovsky
Johnson Ferry Baptist Church
8 p.m.
Admission.
Call for information.
770-528-8490

CORRECTION

The “Editorial Focus” feature in the March 2002 issue of Connected incorrectly identified Bob Snelson as “Mayor.” Mr. Snelson actually serves as Water and Sewer Director for the City of Marietta. The current mayor of Marietta is Bill Dunaway. We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused.